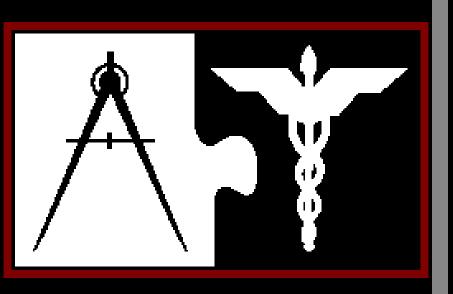
# SAN DIEGO CIREN



June 21, 2001

Washington, DC



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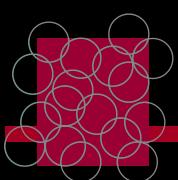
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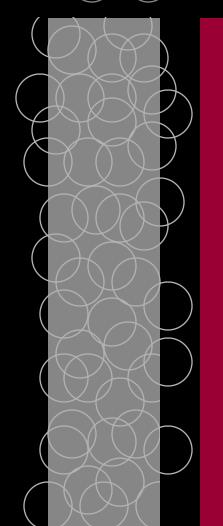
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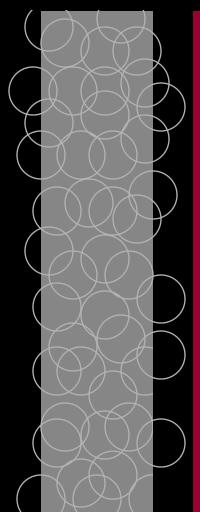
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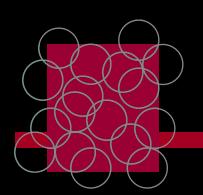
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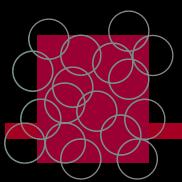
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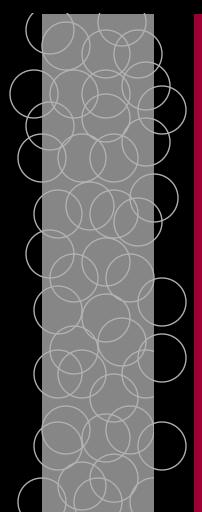
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Scripps Memorial Hospital - La Jolla
Scripps Mercy Hospital
Sharp Memorial Hospital
UCSD Medical Center, San Diego

County of San Diego, Emergency Medical Services



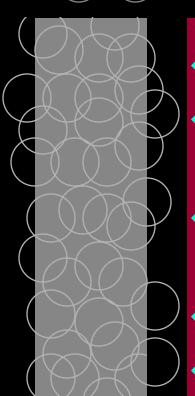
#### Today's Topics



- What is CIREN
- CIREN Goals
- Identifying Potential CIREN Candidates
- Crash Basics
- Occupant Kinematics
- Injury Documentation
- CIREN "Pearls" & "Perils"

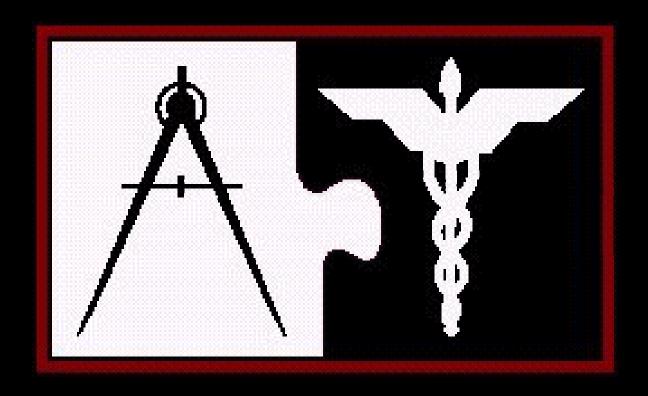


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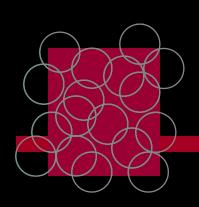


- NHTSA funded
- Investigate frontal and side impacts meeting certain inclusion criteria
- Vehicle inspection and scene documentation
- Injury Documentation
- Occupant Kinematics
- Injury Sourcing/Biomechanical Analysis

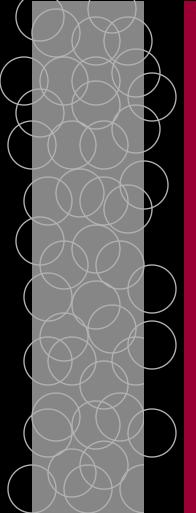
## **Emergency Department Personnel**



Piecing It Together



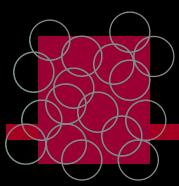
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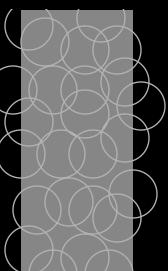
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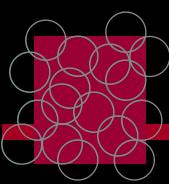
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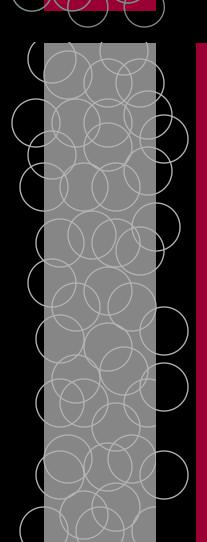


#### Finding Patients

#### **Inclusion Criteria**



- Adult Side Impact
- Pediatric Frontal Impact
- Pediatric Side Impact
- Researcher's Principal Interest



# CIREN Inclusion Criteria Adult Occupants

#### Frontal Impact

**Side Impact** 

- Late Model Year (LMY)
  - current year minus 6
- AIS 3 or AIS 2 (foot & ankle)
- Belt and/or Airbag
- Front seat only
- Success Stories

- **◆ FMVSS 214** 
  - Any LMY SUV/PU
- AIS 3 or AIS 2 (foot & ankle)
- No restraint necessary
- Any seat position
- Success Stories

# CIREN Inclusion Criteria Pediatric Occupants

#### Frontal Impact

**Side Impact** 

**◆** Late Model Year (LMY)

◆ FMVSS 214

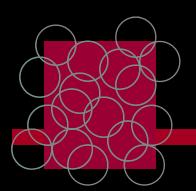
- Admitted with AIS 1+ (front seat) or AIS 2+ (back seat)
- Admitted with AIS 2+ any seat position

CRS, Belt and/or Airbag

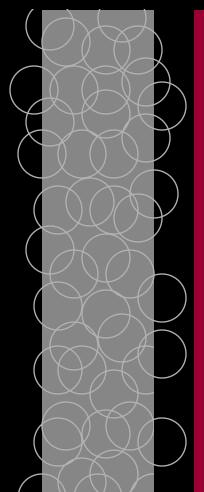
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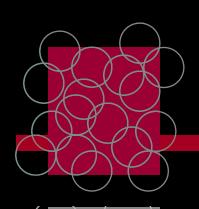
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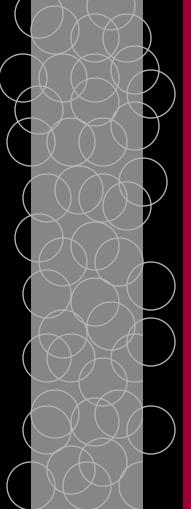
#### Inclusion Criteria - in a nutshell



- Year of Vehicle
- Occupant Position
- Type of Crash
- Seat Belt Use
- Airbag Deployment
- ◆ AIS



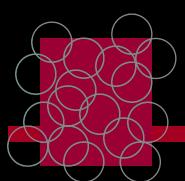
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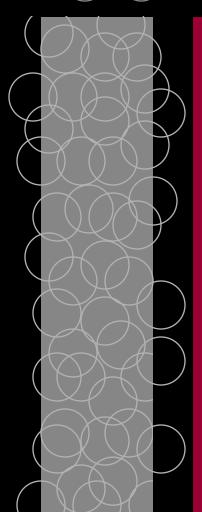
QA Runs

Trauma Nurse Managers/Researchers

Interface with Medical Examiner



## San Diego County QANet

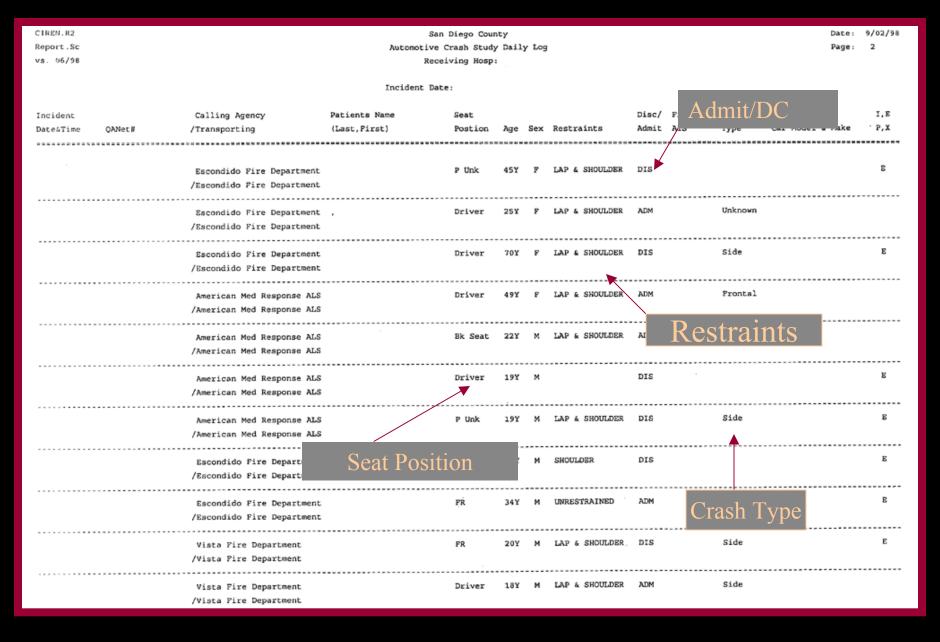


- Wide Area Network
- Live on-line system
- Provides medic run information
- Programmed, for CIREN, to identify all patients transported to Trauma Centers
- Basic run information used as a tool for patient identification

#### MICN Run Sheet

| Run #387654.0  | Incident Date:   | 6/20/2001           | Time: 0133            | Base: UCSD                   |  |  |  |  |
|--|--|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| ·  |  | PARAMED             | ICS                   |                              |  |  |  |  |
| Calling Agency: Rural Metro Unit 0006  |  |                     |                       |                              |  |  |  |  |
| Crew Member #1: P1999 Crew Member #2: 2344   |  |                     |                       |                              |  |  |  |  |
| Age: 34 Sex: M Weight  | t: 150 lbs 75 kg   | Chief Complair      | nt Category: Trauma:  | Extremities Acuity: Moderate |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | CHIEF COMP          | LAINT                 |                              |  |  |  |  |
| Restrained driver of SUV head on into telephone pole at high rate of speed. Prolonged extrication. CC severe right leg pain and deformity of left ankle. Brief LOC |  |                     |                       |                              |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | INTIAL VIT          | ALS                   |                              |  |  |  |  |
| Time: 0148 Pulse: 110 Resp   | oiration: 24   | Temperature:<br>Unk | Blood Pressure: 90/64 | 4 EKG: ST Ectopy: None       |  |  |  |  |
|  | -  | P Q R S             | T                     |                              |  |  |  |  |
| Provoked: Quality  | .y:  | Region:             | Scale:                | Duration:                    |  |  |  |  |
| PQRST Narrative:   |  |                     |                       |                              |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | B R I               | M                     |                              |  |  |  |  |
| Breathing/Condition: Shallow   | v Verbal Res   | ponse: Confused     | Eyes-Response: Sp     | oont Movement Response: MAE  |  |  |  |  |
| Brim Narrative: Oriented to p  | person only, + L   | OC, gross deformi   | ity of left leg       | -                            |  |  |  |  |
| Mechanism of Injury: MVA Auto/Truck Driver Comorbid Factors: ETOH  |  |                     |                       |                              |  |  |  |  |
| Anatomical Factors: Blunt-E  | Anatomical Factors: Blunt-Extremity Protective Measures: Airbag/Lap/Shoulder Trauma: Major |                     |                       |                              |  |  |  |  |
| PHYSICAL FINDINGS  |  |                     |                       |                              |  |  |  |  |
| Capillary Refill:<2sec   | Chest:   | :Tender Rt chest    | Abdon                 | nen:Normal/Neg               |  |  |  |  |
| Motor/Neuro Response:Norma   | al Descri  | ription:Moves ext   | Up/L:                 | Up/R: Lwr/L: Lwr/R:          |  |  |  |  |
| Eyes: Left PERL Right PER  | .L Lungs   | s: Left clear Righ  | nt clear              |                              |  |  |  |  |
| SKINS-Color: Pale  | Moist  | ture: Clammy        | Tempe                 | erature: Cool                |  |  |  |  |
| GLASCOW (Eyes: 4 + Verbal: 4 + Motor: 6) = Score 14   REVISED TRAUMA (GCS: 4 + Respiration: 4 + Systolic: 3) = Score 11  |  |                     |                       |                              |  |  |  |  |
| CRAMS (Circulation:2 + Respiration:2 + Abdomen:1 + Motor:2 + Speech:1) = Score 8   |  |                     |                       |                              |  |  |  |  |

#### Sample QA Run



#### San Diego County Autocotive Crash Study Daiwy Log Reserving Hosp.

Date: 9/02/93 Fage: 2

#### Incident Date:

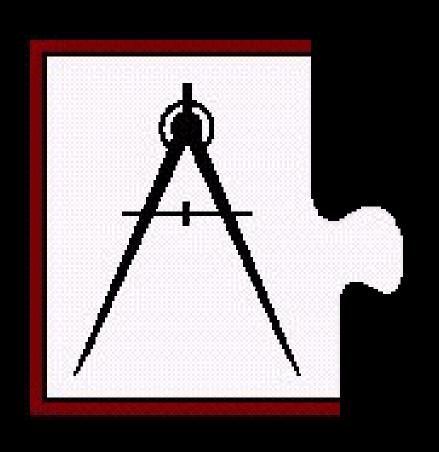
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|--------------------------|---------|---|-------------------|-----------------|-------------|-----|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|--|------------|
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#### Annual San Diego County Trauma Services Report

| Occupant exclusions  | 5989 |
|----------------------|------|
| Occupant inclusions  | 48   |
| Potential inclusions | 0    |

| For the occupants definitely excl  | luded fro | m the s | tudy, t | he exclusi | on criteria were categorized in the following descending order: |
|------------------------------------|-----------|---------|---------|------------|---|
| Minor Injury Patients              |           |         | 4758    | 79.45%     |   |
| D/C from ED                        | 3377      | 71%     |         |            |   |
| Inappropriate AIS                  | 1381      | 29%     |         |            |   |
| Unrestrained Patients              |           |         | 331     | 5.53%      |   |
| Crash Type Exclusions              |           |         | 358     | 5.98%      | (196 Rear impacts/ 162 Rollovers]                               |
| Vehicle not a LMY                  |           |         | 200     | 3.34%      |   |
| Crash in Mexico/Out of County      |           |         | 32      | 0.53%      |   |
| Back Seat Occupant (in frontal cra | ash)      |         | 7       | 0.12%      |   |
| Not a FMVSS 214 (Side impacts)     |           |         | 2       | 0.03%      |   |
| Unable to Locate/Contact Patient   |           |         | 68      | 1.14%      |   |
| Consent Issues                     |           |         | 40      | 0.67%      |   |
| Unusual Crash Circumstances        |           |         | 14      | 0.23%      |   |
| Language Barrier                   |           |         | 11      | 0.18%      |   |
| Ejected                            |           |         | 37      | 0.62%      |   |
| AMA                                |           |         | 31      | 0.52%      |   |
| Unknown year of vehicle            |           |         | 12      | 0.20%      |   |
| Reason Undocumented                |           |         | 71      | 1.19%      |   |
| Miscellaneous                      |           |         | 17      | 0.28%      | ()  |
|                                    |           |         |         |            |   |
|                                    |           |         |         |            |   |
| Total                              |           |         | 5989    | 100.00%    |   |

## Basic Crash & Engineering Concepts

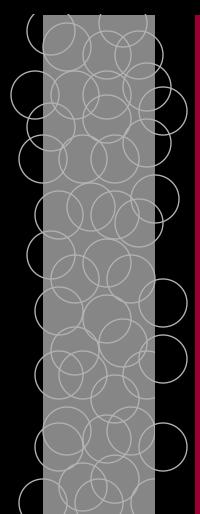


Vehicle Safety Standards

Vehicle Reconstruction



#### The Basic Basics



 Vehicles designed to absorb energy of crash

Crumple zones for frontal crashes

Reinforced steel for side crashes

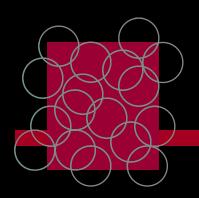


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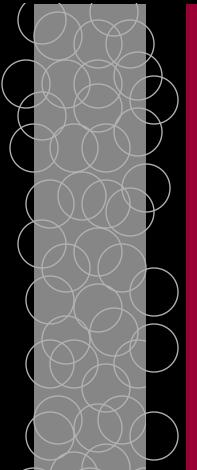


## 2001 Honda Civic EX





#### The Basic Basics



#### **Deformation & Intrusion**

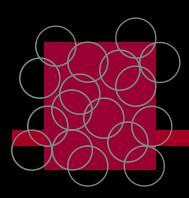
Indicators of crash severity

Indicators of energy management

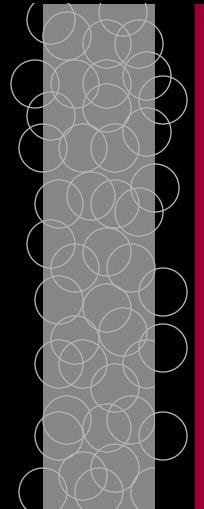
Indicators of potential injury







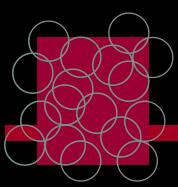
#### Not All Cars Are Created Equal



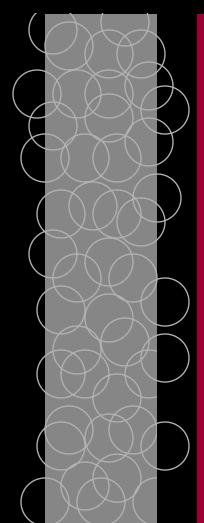
OLD vs. NEW

◆ LIGHT vs. HEAVY

◆ SHORT vs. TALL



## Crash Terminology



Compare Apples to Apples

DELTA V

Principal Direction Of Force

#### Delta V

- Measurement Of Speed Change At Impact
- Is proportional to the sum of all the forces experienced in a collision.

- Reliable measure of the forces in a crash and can predict injury severity
- Crash Severity Indicator

Indicator of Injury Exposure

# Comparing $\Delta V$ in a car crash to other injury mechanisms

| De | ta | $\bigvee$ |
|----|----|-----------|
|----|----|-----------|

Equivalent Height

- ◆ 10 mph
- ◆ 15 mph
- ◆ 20 mph
- ◆ 25 mph
- ◆ 30 mph
- ◆ 35 mph
- ◆ 40 mph

3.5 feet

7.5 feet

13 feet - 1 story

21 feet - 2 stories

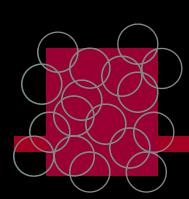
30 feet - 2.5 stories

41 feet - 3.5 stories

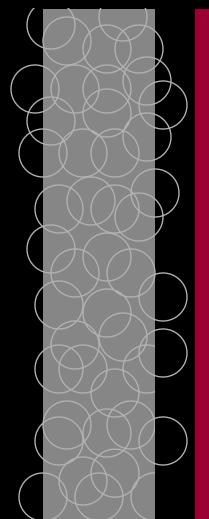
54 feet - 4.5 stories







# Principal Direction of Force & Occupant Kinematics

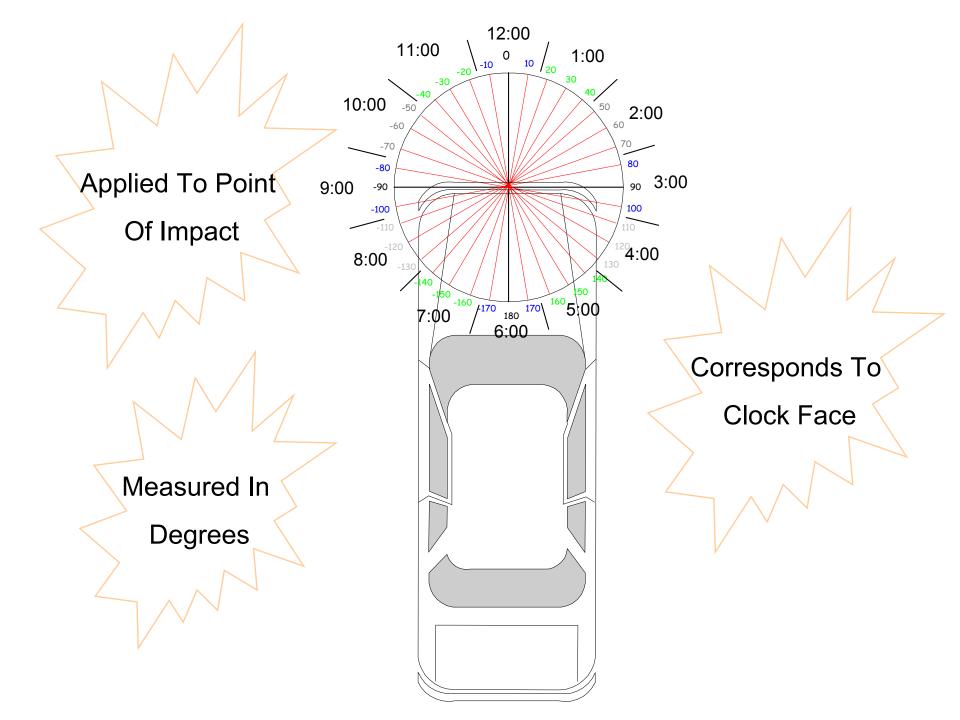


 Directional Measurement Of Vehicle Crush

Movement within the Vehicle

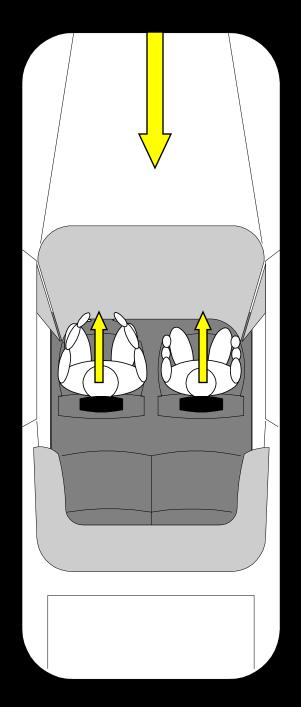
# PDOF and how it influences

# Occupant Kinematics

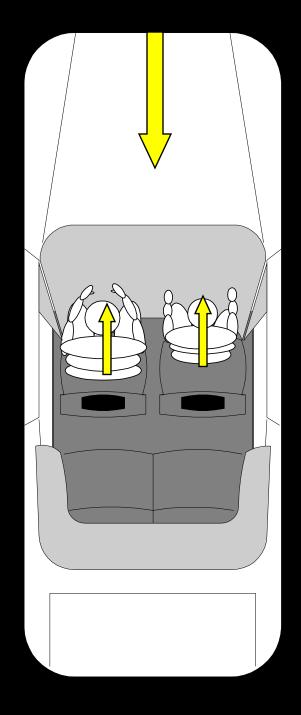


#### Zero PDOF

In a full frontal crash



### Occupants move opposite and parallel







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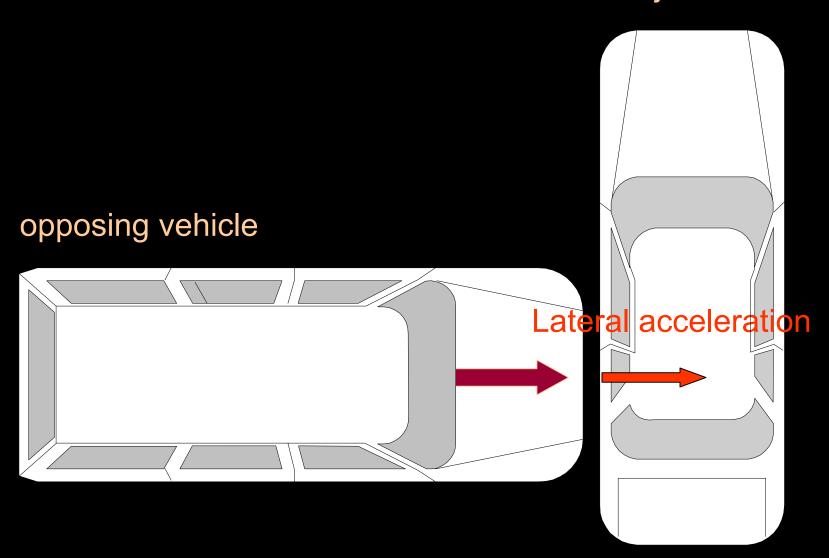
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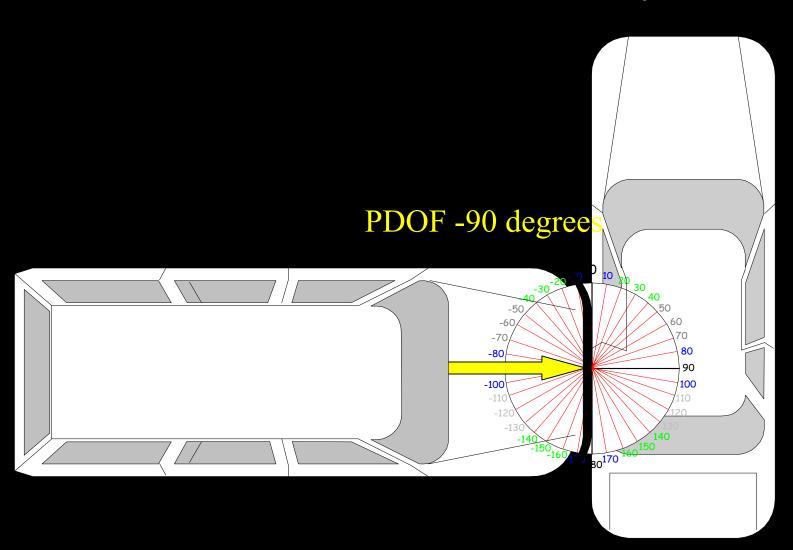
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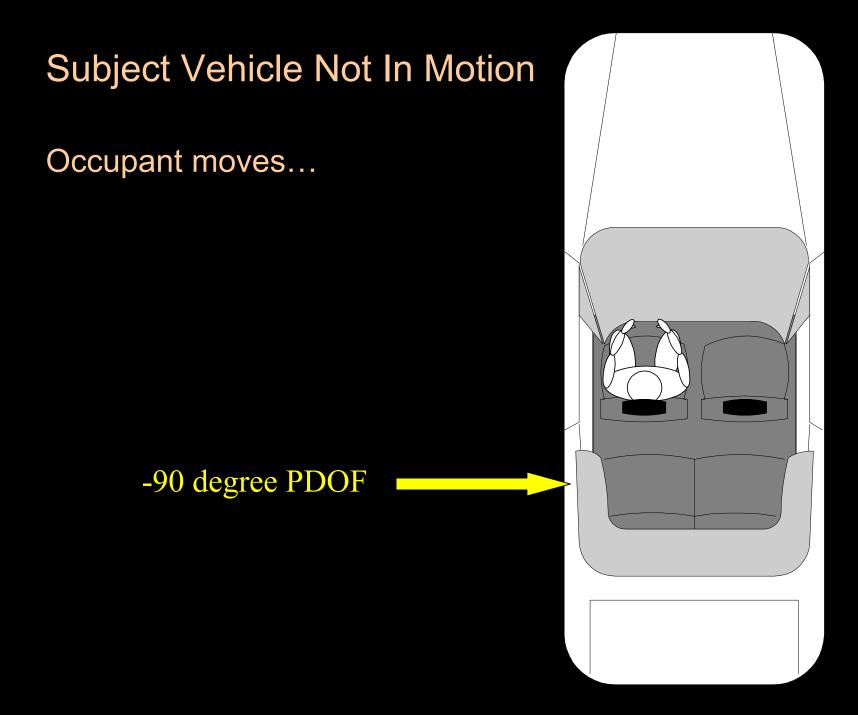
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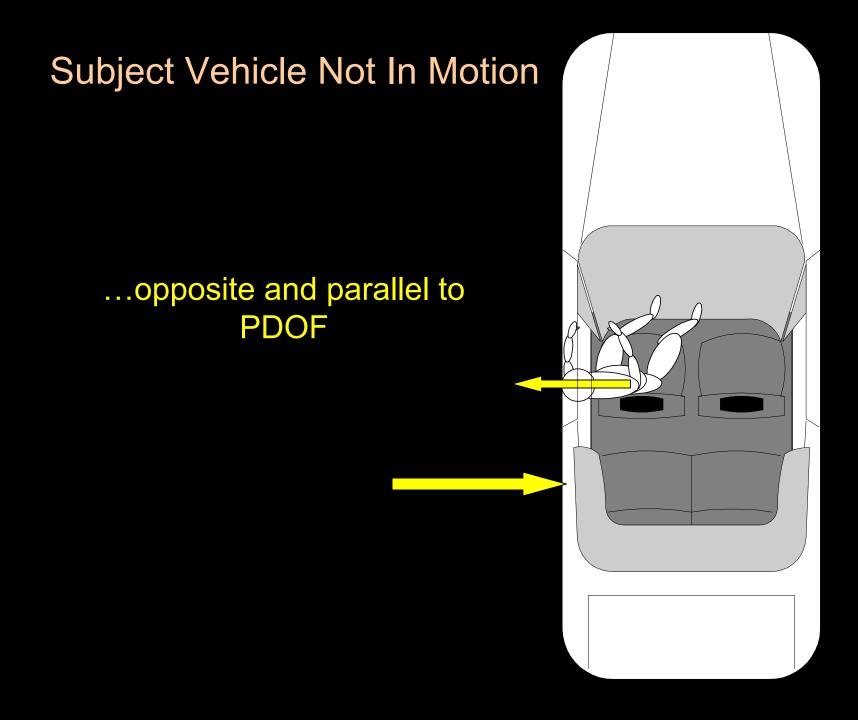
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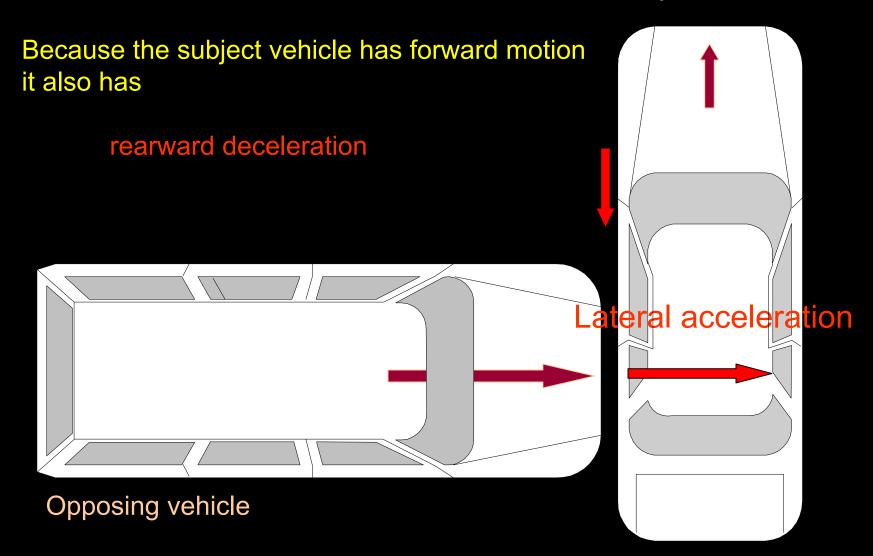




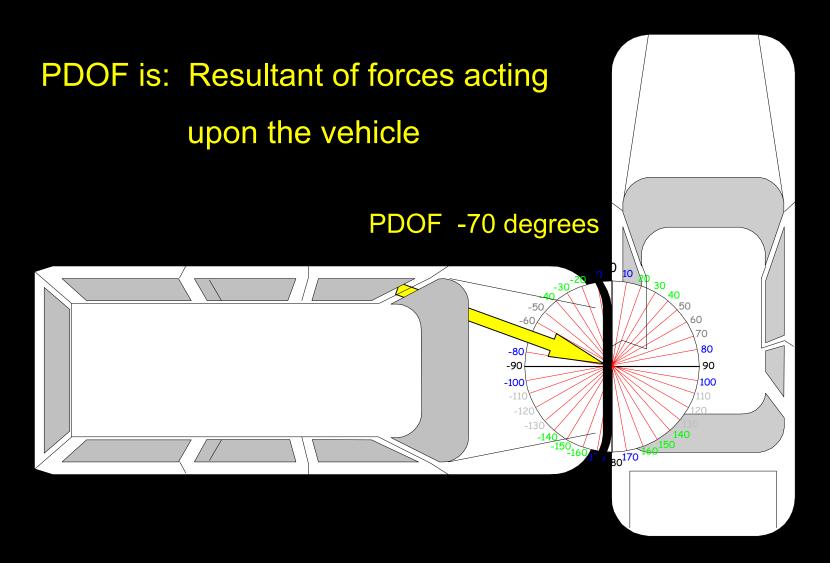




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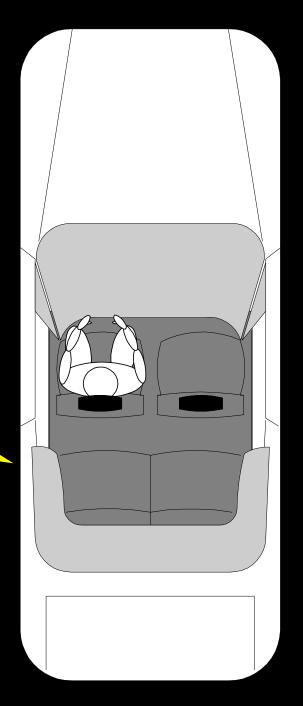


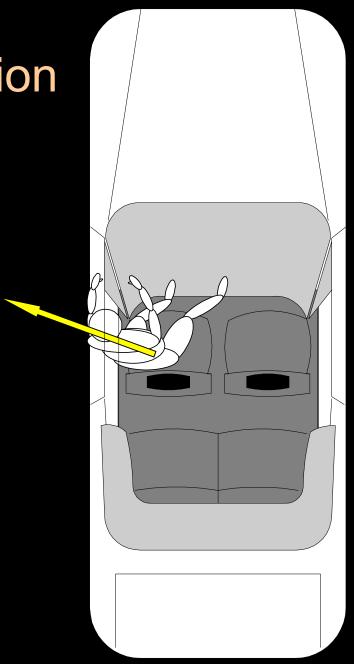
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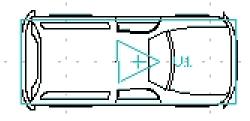


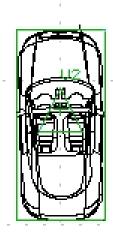
Opposite and parallel to PDOF

-70 degree PDOF



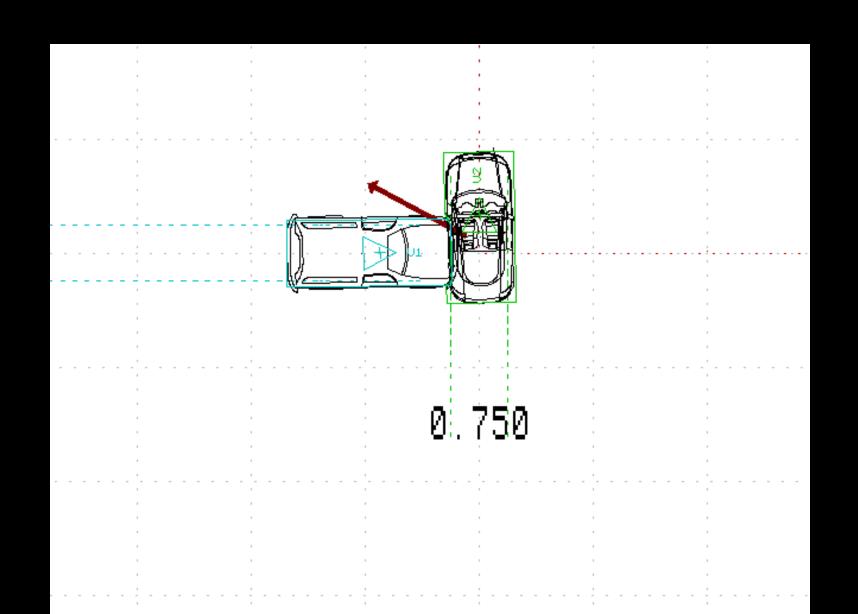




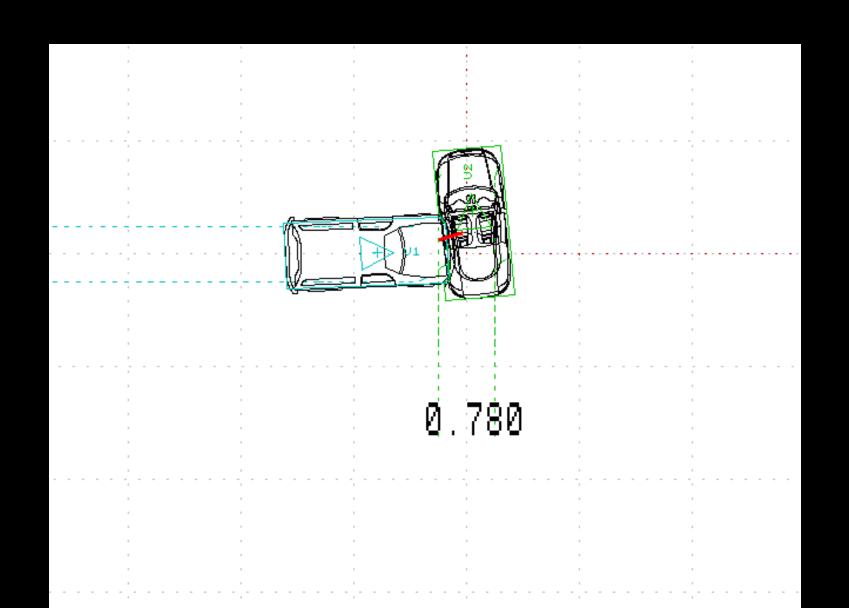


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#### Primary Occupant Motion Vector

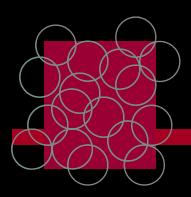


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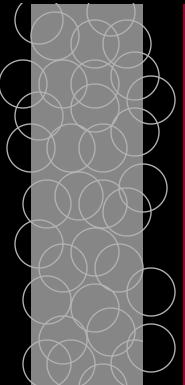


#### INSURANCE INSTITUTE FOR HIGHWAY SAFETY

2000 Buick LeSabre
Frontal Offset Crash Test
Deformable Barrier
64.3 kph (39.9 mph)
40 Percent Overlap
CF99015
June 24, 1999



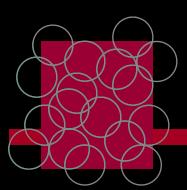
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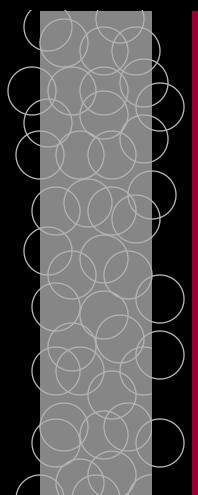
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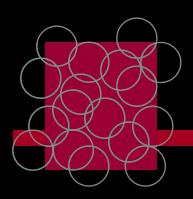
#### **Record Crash Events**



Extrication Information

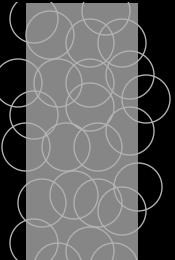
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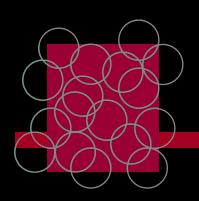




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Record Crash Events

Document Bruises

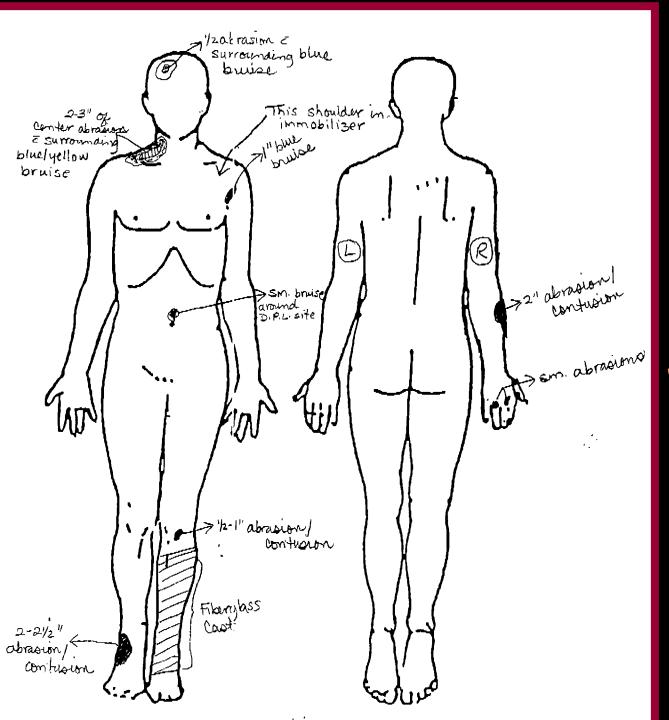


#### **Document External Bruises**

#### Injury Sourcing

 Description of all external lacerations, abrasions, contusions
 Or better yet





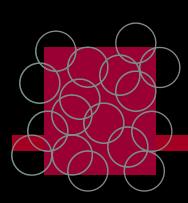
# Diagram of Soft Tissue Injuries



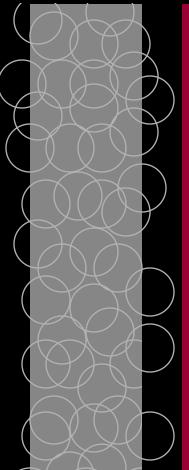


### Physical Evidence of Seat Belt Use





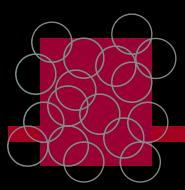
#### All Crashes are Not Created Equal



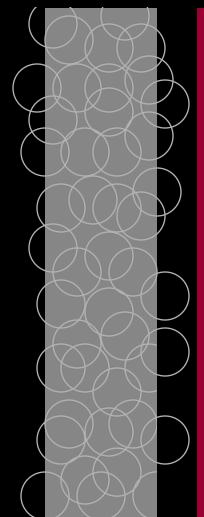
Crash Type

Restraint Type

Body Type



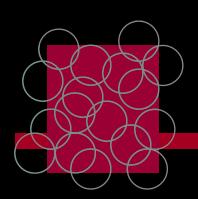
#### What Have We Learned?



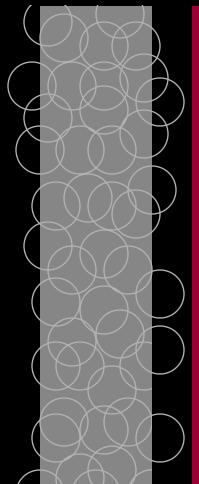
Observations

Injury Trends

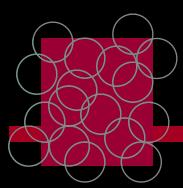
CIREN National Database



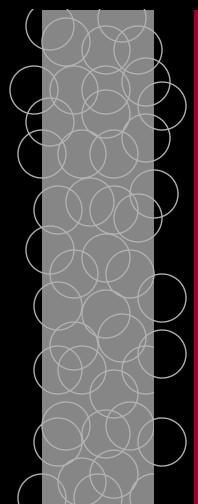
#### CIREN "Pearls" & "Perils"



- Heart/aortic injuries loading the restraint system
- Automatic shoulder belt only in off-set frontal crashes associated with liver/spleen injuries
- Seat Belts Double impacts
- Seat Belts Occupant Loading



#### New Technologies



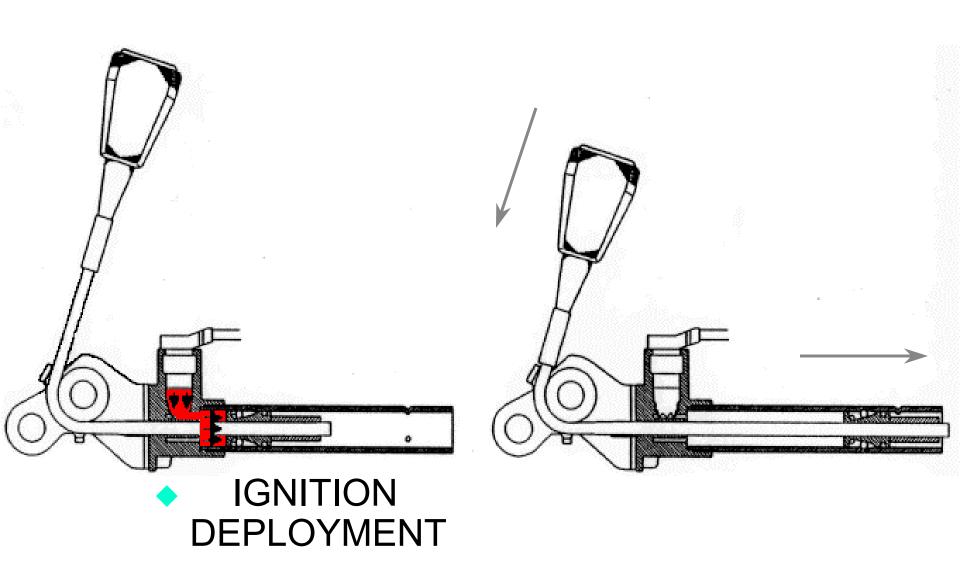
Belt Pretensioners

Redesigned Airbags

Side Airbags

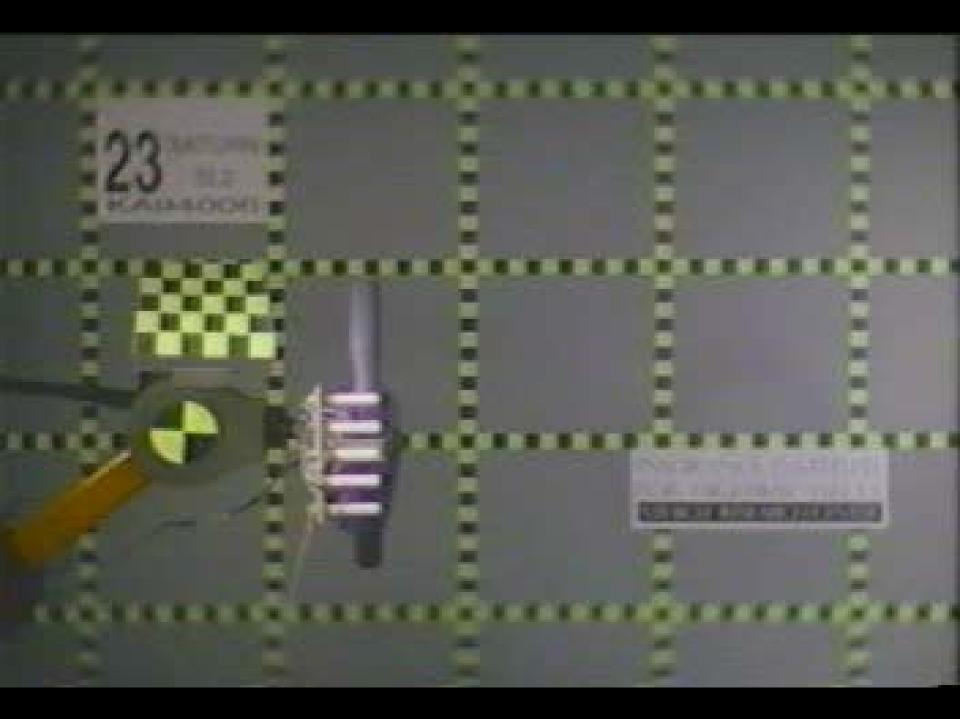
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#### **Buckle Pretensioner**



#### Safety Belt Retractor Pretensioner





#### Side Air Bag Design

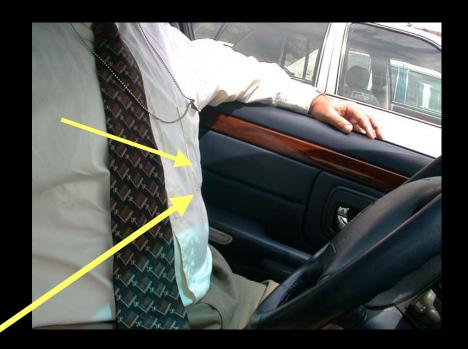
- Door mounted
- Seat mounted
- Roof rail mounted

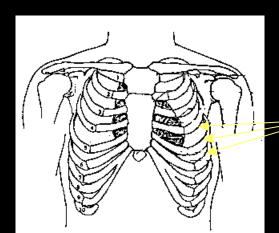




## SCI Review & Findings The Injury Mechanism

- Location of Injuries
  - Injuries
    - Closed fracture 6, 7 & 8th left lateral ribs (3) with left anterior pnuemothorax
    - Abrasion left lateral chest
      - Crushing injuries are typically contusions
      - Swiping injuries are abrasions





Exemplar Vehicle and Occupant

#### **SCI** Conclusions

◆ The side air bag is the injury mechanism.



#### 2000 Audi TT





#### Relevant Intrusions:

LF Door Panel - 17 cm

LF "B" Pillar - 10 cm

LF Front Seat Back - 4 cm



#### Exemplary '98 Ford Explorer

Front Plane Profile

Hood Edge Height approx. 95 cm

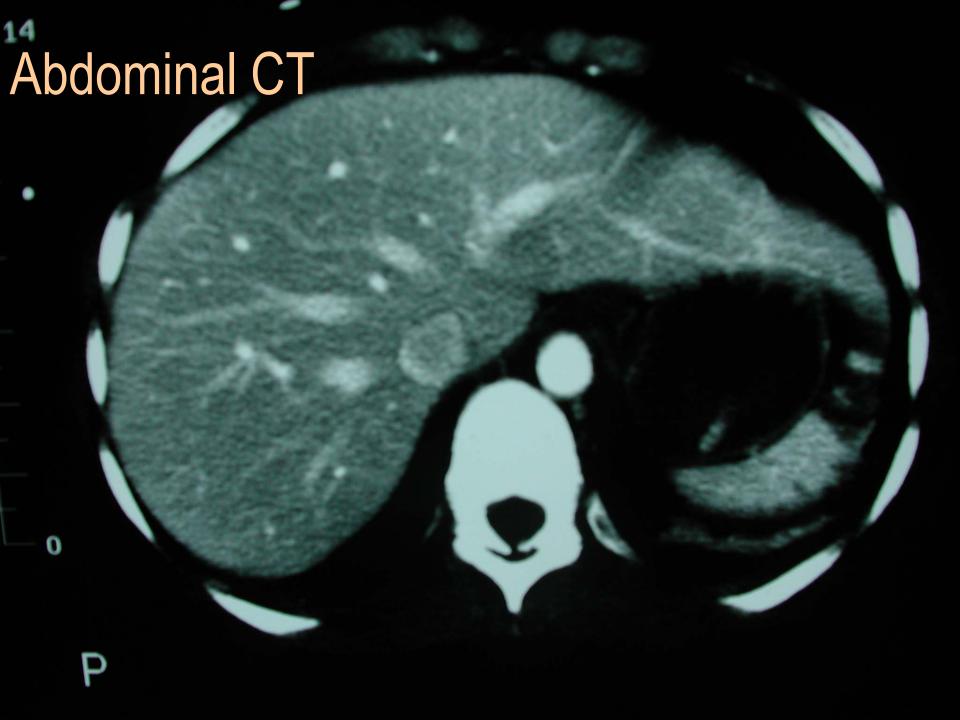
Bumper Height @ top approx. 65 cm.

#### 2000 Audi TT Occupied By Same Height Driver



# 9th and 10th Rib Fractures

# 11th and 12th Rib Fractures





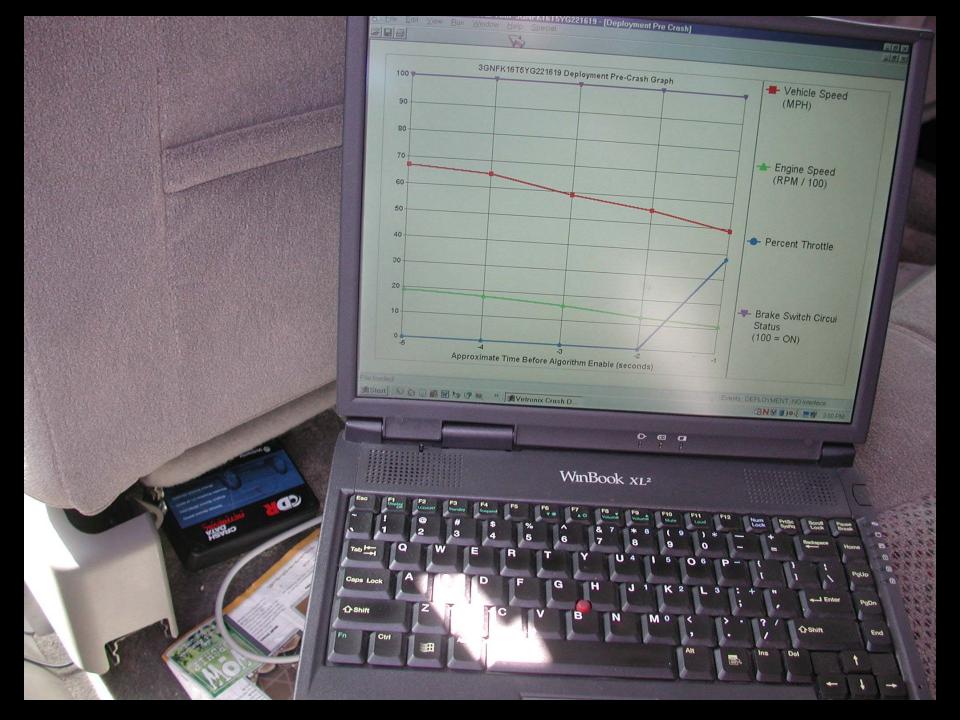


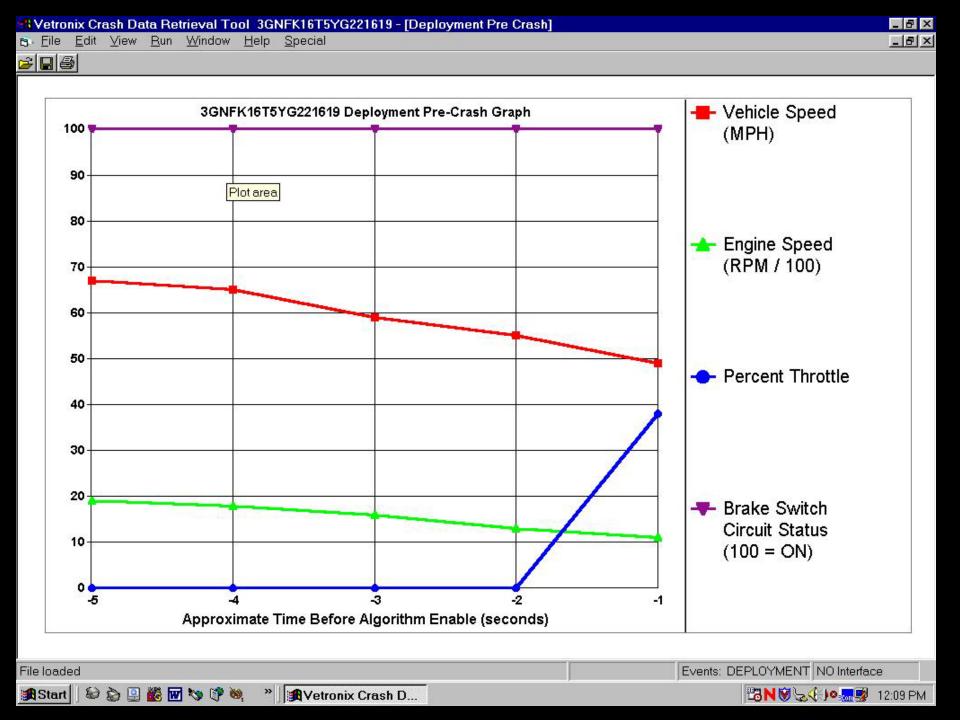
Without HPS



With HPS

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